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1 KENYA TODAY FORMALLY CIRCULATED AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT
RES II IN REPORT OF CSTD (E/5272), ESSENTIAL PART OF
WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: CONVERT OPERATIVE PARAS INTO A PREAMBULAR PARA AND
REPLACE THE EXISTING OPERATIVE PARA 2, 3 AND 4
BY THE FOLLOWING:

1. DECIDES

(A) TO ESTABLISH A UNITED NATIONS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
PROGRAMME TO ASSIST, FACILITATE AND ENSURE THE APPLICATION
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT PARTICULARLY THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

(B) TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME, COMPOSED OF -----MEMBERS
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ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS ON

THE FOLLOWING BASIS:

- (I)-----SEATS FOR AFRICAN STATES;
- (II)-----SEATS FOR ASIAN STATES;
- (III)-----SEATS FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES;
- (IV)-----SEATS FOR LATIN AMERICAN STATES;
- (V)-----SEATS FOR WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES;

(C) THAT A SMALL SECRETARIAT, CONSISTING OF THE PRESENT RESOURCES AND TRANSPORT DIVISION AND THE OFFICE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AT THE UN HDQTRS TO SERVE AS A FOCAL POINT FOR THE CO-ORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ENSURE A HIGH DEGREE OF EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT UNDER THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME, WHO SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE NOMINATION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

(D) THAT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE MOST EFFICIENT CO-ORDINATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME, THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CO-ORDINATION BOARD, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME, SHALL BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AUSPICES AND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION;

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND BODIES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO SUBMIT FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT;

(A) APPROPRIATE FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF:

- (I) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME
- (II) THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
- (III) THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CO-ORDINATION BOARD
- (IV) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
- (V) THE SECRETARIAT

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3. DECIDES FURTHER THAT, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCING FOR THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME, A VOLUNTARY FUND SHALL BE ESTABLISHED, WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 1974, IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING UNITED NATIONS FINANCIAL PROCEDURES;

4. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WITH THE ASSISTANCE

OF AGENCIES AND BODIES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AS MENTIONED IN OPERATIVE PARA 2 ABOVE TO WORK OUT THE MODALITIES FOR THE UTILIZATION OF THE FUND FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL.

2. COMMENT: APART FROM APPROPRIATENESS OF PLACING THESE PROPOSALS IN RESOLUTION ON WORLD PLAN OF ACTION, FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS:

(A) IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION ODERO-JOWI, CHAIRMAN OF KENYAN DEL, HAS INDICATED THAT HE DOES NOT INTEND TO PRESS FOR DECISIONS ON HIS PROPOSAL AT CURRENT SESSION.

(B) DEPT WILL RECOGNIZE THAT MERGER OF SECRETARIATS OF R & T DIVISION AND OFFICE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WOULD BE ALONG LINES OF AMS RECOMMENDATIONS AND THINKING WITHIN US GOVT. SUCH MERGERS UNDER SINGLE EXECUTIVE HEAD WOULD, OF COURSE, CREATE A POSITION OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN SECRETARIAT. WOULD ALSO PRESUMABLY PUT AN END TO EFFORTS TO MOVE R & T DIVISION INTO UNIDO.

(C) ODERO-JAWI ALSO INDICATED PRIVATELY THAT CSTD COULD BECOME THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE S & T PROGRAM. COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES MIGHT ALSO BE ABSORBED THEREIN.

(D) OBVIOUSLY, A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT PROBLEMS NEED CONSIDERATION BEFORE COMING TO FIRM VIEWS ON WHAT TO DO WITH KENYAN PROPOSAL OR PARTS OF IT, SHOULD IT ATTRACT SUPPORT.

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